

On Jan 14, 2026, at 9:26 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Hello Trustees

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Thanks

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**Subject: Re: Islands Trust sidelines ag in policy statement - Country Life in BC**

I would also like to know how the survey responses help formulate the TPS and the amount of influence it has on the Trustees voting on motions to pass this legislation.

Staff have not provided concrete potential outcomes on land owners of the TPS. Give us some examples of the kind of changes we might see!

I have asked numerous times, if there is a total loss due to fire will land owners be able to rebuild in the same place without conditions, If a septic field fails will you be able to replace it in the same location without conditions?!

Will we be able to dig in the garden to grow food for ourselves without the fear of the islands trust sending bylaw enforcement.

Is it the Islands Trust's intention to remove single family dwellings in favour of clustered mobile homes on wheels?

These are practical questions that are unanswered. Have Islands Trust staff give the electorate the information with the gravitas it deserves....,if as trustees you cannot provide it.

Yes the trust is for all British Columbians however the current trust policy statement still contains the word residents!

Let's face it the land policy regulations affect land title holders, every one else can just pack their bags and leave without much consequence to their lives.

The devil is always in the details, so far I see a sweeping omnibus draft policy statement that gives no clarity to real on the ground conditions. 'This serves to sow division and uncertainty for land title holders.

Do not treat the electorate as if they know nothing about land use planning. If the residents of the Trust area were here to destroy these islands there would not be a tree standing. as you know every private land owner has the right to cut every single stick down that is not in a DPA. Guess what it hasn't happened, you know why because

most people that live in the islands trust area love and respect nature.

Give us some respect as stewards of the land and as residents. Onerous regulation serves only those that seek power over others.

I would like this letter made part of the agenda of the next Gabriola Islands Trust meeting

Regards  
Gavin

Sent from my iPhone